USER'S GUIDE

Instant PROGRAMMER

DISK SERIES

PROGRAMS FOR

COMMODORE 64

PRODUCTIVITY
FUN AND GAMES
HOLIDAY

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INSTANT PROGRAMMER MEANS INSTANT FUN AND INSTANT RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS! You've made a smart choice. You purchased *Family & Home-Office Computing*'s most popular and useful programs on floppy disks.

That means you can save time by not having to enter programs line by line, and you won't have to spend hours trying to find errors that can slip by unnoticed, no matter how careful you are.

It also means you can start using your programs immediately. Simple-to-follow directions are given in easy menu format so you're up and running in seconds.

The following pages provide a brief description of the programs contained on each of the three disks in this collection: Productivity, Holiday, and Fun and Games. Please note that the solutions to the Fun and Games crossword puzzles are also included in this guide.

We're excited about this series and think you will be, too. In fact, we're convinced it won't take you long to recognize the ease and time-saving convenience our Instant Programmer Disk Series offers.

Be sure to watch for new program collections as they become available. To order additional disks, please turn to the last page of this booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS

Make a Backup Copy

First make a backup copy of your Instant Programmer disk using the disk copy utility provided with your disk drive or other utility program.

To Start Your Instant Programmer Disk

1. Turn on your monitor, disk drive, and computer. If you are using a Commodore 128, be sure to set your system for C 64 mode.

2. Insert the backup copy of the Instant Programmer disk in your disk drive.

3. Type LOAD "FAMILY",8 and press RETURN. When the word READY appears on the screen, type RUN and press RETURN again.

4. The Instant Programmer title screen will appear. Press any key to load the Main Menu.

5. The Main Menu will appear on screen listing the programs available on the disk. After making a selection, you will see another menu, allowing you to:

<U>se this program

<G>et instructions [complete instructions appear on screen]

<C>hoose another program [returns you to Main Menu]

To Quit a Program

If you want to stop in the middle of a program, and the program does not specify how to quit, hold down the RUN/STOP and RESTORE keys at the same time. Then type LOAD "MENU",8 and press RETURN. When the word READY appears on the screen, type RUN and press RETURN again for the menu screen.

PRODUCTIVITY

1. Disk Label Maker
   Use your computer and printer to create attractive personalized labels for disks, or spice jars, or file drawers – the possibilities are endless!

2. All-Purpose Label Maker
   With a printer, continuous-form labels and this program, you can quickly create labels 3.5 inches wide and 1 inch long for addressing envelopes or dozens of other uses.

3. Bar Graph
   Produce a meaningful on-screen graph of monthly bills, stock prices, heights and weights, or other numerical information.

4. Compound Interest
   Tricky compound-interest calculations are a snap with this program – just type in the facts, and your answer appears.

5. Decision Maker
   A thought-provoking tool for organizing and evaluating your alternatives and coming to a satisfactory conclusion.

6. Perpetual Calendar
   What day of the week were you born? What day did important historical events occur? Use this handy program to pinpoint the day of the week for dates from January 1, 1801, to December 31, 2399.

7. Electronic Typewriter
   Offers most of the features of an electronic typewriter, but without the complexity of a word-processing program. A great way to type a fast note or address an envelope — and computer beginners can hit the keyboard immediately!
   Bonus Program: Junior Typewriter
   A very simple program that sends whatever you type to your printer each time you press the RETURN key.

8. Home Information Manager
   This terrific mini-database handles your information like a convenient card file — a perfect format for address lists, item catalogs, etc. Add or delete data, search for particular items, print out individual "cards."

9. Home Message Center
   Much neater than tacking up notes on the refrigerator door — this program lets you leave messages for family members and automatically retrieves any messages left for you.

10. Micro Phonebook
    Keep all your addresses and phone numbers neat and organized, sorted any way you want — by last name, first name, state, or even area code.

HOLIDAY

1. Personal Valentine
   A unique way to light up your screen with "I Love You" for that special someone.

2. Egg Hunt
   This ingenious quiz adds an exciting new twist to the traditional Easter Egg hunt.

3. Mother's Day Card
   A very special, personalized message from you to Mom on her day, with a little help from your computer.

4. Father's Day Card
   A brand new way to tell Dad you think he's the greatest on his special day. Just answer the on-screen questions, and call Dad over to the computer for his personalized surprise.

5. Stars & Stripes
   This colorful Fourth of July tribute features skyrockets, Old Glory, and the stirring strains of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

6. Halloween Classic
   Dancing ghosts, lightning flashes, and mysterious eyes peering from the doorway — a perfect combination of graphics and music to delight all the little goblins in your house.

7. Turkey Chase
   Help our hero catch the Thanksgiving gobbler for the family feast.
   Controls: I – up; K – down; J – left L – right;
   Q – up left; W – up right; A – down left; S – down right.

8. Christmas Tree Construction Set
   One of the most popular programs we've ever published – you can create the "perfect" tree and decorate it right on screen. Friends and family can lay on the colored balls, tinsel, and other goodies to their heart's delight, then save their best work to disk for future enjoyment. Joystick required.

9. Holiday Update
   A great way to create special notes for all the friends and relatives on your holiday card list. Family members fill in the on-screen blanks, then print out a "what's new" message to be tucked into cards for that treasured personal touch.

10. Jingle Bells
    Let your computer join in the Christmas spirit by serenading you with this holiday classic.

FUN AND GAMES

1. Catch It!
   Fast-paced arcade action as you move the "catcher" up and down on-screen to catch the hurtling word "IT." Get IT? We hope so!
   Controls: K – up; M – down.

2. Dots
   Your computer builds the playfield and keeps score automatically in this slick version of a popular favorite.
   Controls: I – up; J – left; K – down; L – right.

3. Drop in the Bucket
   Drop a ball in a bucket. Simple, right? Wrong! One row of pegs after another sends it bouncing wildly down to the buckets below.

4. Happy Hurdler
   Ready...set...jump! Time your leaps just right to sail over those hurdles and win the coveted gold medal in this computer track and field simulation.

5. Hit or Miss
   Part Pong, part pinball, and entirely hysterical, as you bounce through a playfield packed with targets, bumpers, bonuses, and surprises.

6. Maze Creator
   An inexhaustible supply of computer-generated mazes for every member of the family. Each maze can be played at three levels of difficulty, including the mind-boggling invisible maze. Mazes can be printed out to play on paper.
   Controls: I – up; J – left; K – down; L – right or joystick option.

7. Renegade Robot
   Your experimental robot has gone berserk! Reach the center of the maze and turn off the power before the robot gets you! Use joystick or press U – up left; I – up center; O – up right; J – left; L – right; M – down left; "," – down center; "." – down right.

8. Ski Trek
   Will you be a downhill champion or a dope on the slope? Only one way to find out — point your ski tips down the hill, keep your eye on the twists and turns, and steer clear of the trees!

9 Space Debris
   This intense arcade challenge sends you into the cosmos to salvage valuable space junk — but watch out for stray missiles, and be sure to grab the fuel cannisters that zoom by! Joystick in Port 2 required.

10. Crossword Puzzler
    Use your computer to create your own puzzle, or solve a puzzle right on screen. We've even included three complete puzzles to get you started — the clues are on the following pages.

Crossword Puzzle Clues — Back to School

Across

1A Tries
1G What a thief cracks; secure
1L School subject
2A An established rule or principle
2G Ailments
2L Egg-shaped
3A Tells a story
3L Tears
4B Carousel
5D To be, to Henri
5L Wilbur's brother in flight
6A Designer Picone
6H Study of plant life
7A Past participle of get
7H Beatles member with JL, GH, and PM
7N Manganese, abbr.
8A A phone company
8E Aztec spear throwers
9A Compass direction
9G Three-toed sloth
9J Neck scarves
10C Season when school starts
10L At the end
11A Sodium flouride union
11I Not dose or dem
12C Basics
13A One who fibs
13H Character in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar"
14A What God took from Adam (two words)
14F One in "Born Free"
14K At no time
15A Instrument for rowing
15F Impudent speech
15K Actress Garbo

Down

1A Treat leather
1B Test
1C Father
1D Rush
1E Intelligent
1G Throne (obs.)
1H Too
1I Florida, abbr.
1J Accompany
1L Time of day
1M Eagerly
1N Spigot
1O Laid in place, Latin abbr.
3F Oppressive ruler
4I Perch
4K Mr. Jefferson designed this school
5O Actor Borgnine
6A Coaxes (two words)
6B Express an opinion
6C Homonym for eight
6H Organ for thinking
7E Publisher of "Music Construction Set," abbr.
7N NY baseball team
8G Greek letter without beta
8J Dormant
8K Nazi secret police
8M Type of snake
9D Residential areas on the outskirts of a city
9L Wally and Beaver's last name
10C Public matter or concern
10E 2,000 pounds
10F Reverses
11I Tens, comb. form
11K Pang
12H Bog
12M To be alive
12N Tallow
13A Thai language
13B Thorn in M. Thatcher's side
13O Mrs., in Madrid
14G French article

Disk File Name: SCHOOL

Crossword Puzzle Clues — Halloween

Across

1A German article
1F Indian tribe
1K Each in his place, by right, not _____, shall rule his heritage... — Rudyard Kipling
2A Leave out
2F Giggle
2L Symbol of worship
3A Western European alliance
3H What family and homely have in common
3L Points of convergence
4A Color of a clear sky
4H Post Office Box, abbr.
4M Ghost sound
5A Symbol for titanium
5D What kids say on Halloween
6A Inner, comb. form
6F Cereal fruit
7B Dirt
7J Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis vaccine, abbr.
8C Exists
8L A conjunction
9D Finish
9J Idols
10E Safe
10L What Kong is
11A Halloween event
11N An interjection
12A Likely
12F Cereal grass
12K Mr. Agnew
13A To raise upright
13F Norfolk State University, abbr.
13L Irritates
14A One of the Great Lakes
14F To hold an office
14L Covered with gold
15A Nifty
15G Not living
15M Socioeconomic status, abbr.

Down

1A Give
1B A kind of Grace
1C Latin for place
1F First and last initials of author whose middle name is Wadsworth
1G A digraph
1H Jack-o'-lantern
1I Eskimo homes
1L Mountain range in N. Morocco on the Mediterranean
1M Sun-dried clay block
1N Ingredient in Halloween candy
1O George and T.S.
2D Hare's opponent
2J A mix of two species
4E Comparative suffix
5F Anger
5G Western state, abbr.
5K Dynamite
6C Prefix with -cycle or -angle
7L He said, "That's all, folks!"
8M 10L across, to Pierre
9E See 13F across
9F Evil spirits
9H Burst
9J Feminine pronoun
9N Piece of diving equipment
10A Frightened
10G Stopped
10I Dorm leader, abbr.
10O Kin to goblins
11B Plural of opus
11C Spot
11K Author Eliot
12M Tennessee state flower
13D Crimson
14I One of 13 orig. states
14J This Mr. talked like a man

Disk File Name: HALLOW

Crossword Puzzle Clues — Thanksgiving

Across

1A Disciple
1I Country that England and France declared war upon in November 1914
2A Fattened rooster
2I Pertaining to eye or vision
3B Excess food
4A French for "death"
4K Open; yawning
5C One of a group of genes that occur alternately at a given point
5J Larry Bird is a _____
6A Integrated circuit, abbr.
6F Faction
6N French masculine for "the"
7A Shock with electricity
7E Where Lincoln gave his address in Nov. 1863
8A Access
8K Muffler
9B Horn of plenty
9M Draw (noun)
10A Symbol for tellurium
10G Oklahoma town
10N Former name of phone company: ____ Bell
11A Most ancient
11H Anagram of "hardly"
12A Large inside muscles of the loins
12G Beelzebub
12L Border
13F Ship that first brought pilgrims to Plymouth Rock
14C Dough
14K Cambria
15B Prairie
15I Pack animals, e.g., mules

Down

1A Type of electric current
1B _____ Alto, California
1C Carmen or La Traviata
1D Lightly
1E Dynamite
1I Ripped
1J United Parcel Service, abbr.
1K Right, abbr.
1L Internal power, as in the martial arts
1M French for explosion
2O Portion
3F Overweight
3G Servant
3H Important November political event(2 words)
4A Indian corn
4K Account executive, abbr.
4L _____oma: a disease of the eye
4N Traveler
6B Negates
6I Suffix meaning quality of, condition of
7C Instructions at the bottom right of a page, abbr.
7E Women's ward of a hospital
7K Boy Scouts of America, abbr.
7M Rodent
8D Flow; discharge
8O Banquet
9G Civil Engineer, abbr.
9I A rice dish
9J Romantic interlude
10A November birthstone
10L Indian tribe
11C Have reservations
11E Steamship, abbr.
11M Anagram of Albee
12G Implored
12N Chemist who discovered deuterium
13F Item showing locations
13K Possess
14D Royal Exchange, abbr.
14E Extended play record, abbr.
14O Social studies, abbr.

Disk File Name: THANKS

Crossword Puzzle Solutions

Back to School

Halloween

Thanksgiving

NOTE FOR PROGRAMMERS

The Instant Programmer disks are copyrighted but not copy protected. Feel free to load the individual programs, examine the way they were written, and experiment with changes using your backup copy.

There are some minor differences between the programs as presented here and the original listings in *Family & Home-Office Computing*. For those who are interested in seeing the programs exactly as they appeared in the magazines, the files are available on your disk with the .FC filename extension.

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